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LETTER ORDER

October 24, 2011

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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

RE: In the Matter of Flat Earth Networking, Inc.; Gregory E. Flat, President; and Jason Standifer, Director of Operations (Vendor No. 63340)

ORDER NO. 00261

Dear Mr. Burkhalter:

By letters dated November 17, 2010, the Casino Control Commission (Commission) notified you, as counsel of record for Flat Earth Networking, Inc.; Gregory E. Flat, its President; and Jason Standifer, its Director of Operations, that each of you had fifteen days from the receipt of its notice to request a hearing in the above matter. You received the Commission's notice on November 22, 2010; therefore, the deadline for the filing of your hearing request, on behalf of the company, was December 7, 2010. Mr. Flat received the Commission's notice on December 6, 2010; therefore, the deadline for the filing of his hearing request was December 21, 2010. Mr. Standifer received the Commission's notice on November 22, 2010; therefore, the deadline for the filing of his hearing request was December 7, 2010.

On February 1, 2011, Governor Chris Christie signed New Jersey Senate Bill S-12, which amended the Casino Control Act and by which the status of Flat Earth Networking, Inc. changed from an initial applicant for a non-gaming casino service industry enterprise license to that of a vendor registrant. With these amendments, moreover, jurisdiction over the registration of vendors transferred from the Commission to the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division). N.J.S.A. 5:12-92c; N.J.S.A. 5:12-94e.



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What has not changed, however, is the authority of the Division to investigate the suitability of a vendor, registered to conduct business with the Atlantic City casino industry, N.J.S.A. 5:12-76b, and the continuing duty of a vendor registrant, through its principal employees, to cooperate fully with the Division in the course of its investigation of that suitability. N.J.S.A. 5:12-86b. Consequently, the objections to the suitability of Flat Earth Networking, Inc., Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer to conduct business with the Atlantic City casino industry – raised in the Division's letter report dated October 4, 2010, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein – remain valid.

The Division's objections also remain uncontested inasmuch as its records indicate that you, on the company's behalf; Mr. Flatt; and Mr. Standifer have failed to request a hearing in the above referenced matter. Consequently, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-94e, N.J.S.A. 5:12-92d and N.J.A.C. 13:69B-2.4(a)2i, the vendor registration for Flat Earth Networking, Inc. is hereby revoked, and that company, Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer are found disqualified based substantially upon the information in the Division's October 4, 2010 letter report.

Therefore, Flat Earth Networking, Inc., Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer are prohibited from conducting any direct or indirect business with any casino applicant or licensee (hereafter, casino) or any person acting on behalf of a casino, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1 and 3.

Further, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1 and 3, any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino is prohibited from conducting direct or indirect business with Flat Earth Networking, Inc., Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer.

In addition, any existing agreements, whether written or unwritten, between Flat Earth Networking, Inc., Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer, and any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino will be immediately terminated, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-104b and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1 and 3.

Finally, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69A-8.8(a), Flat Earth Networking, Inc., Mr. Flatt and Mr. Standifer are prohibited from reapplying for or obtaining any other license, registration, qualification or approval required under the Casino Control Act until five years has elapsed from the date of this letter order, including any hotel positions that do not require a license.

Dated: *October 24, 2011*



David Rebuck
Acting Director

Attachment

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